

REMARKS

Newly added claims 23-36 are fully supported by the written description. The recitation of claims 23-28 and 33-36 can be found in the claims that were pending prior to the Request for Continued Examination. Support for claim 29 can be found at page 8, line 10-13. Support for claim 31 can be found at page 6, line 22-25.

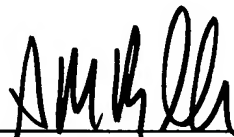
Prior to the filing of this Request for Continued Examination, claims 1, 2, and 5-7 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,735,092 to Clayton et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,091,436 to Frisch et al., and claim 21 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Clayton in view of Frisch and U.S. Patent No. 4,388,366 to Rosato et al.

In view of the amendments made to the claims, reconsideration of these rejections is respectfully requested. In particular, the prior art references of record do not teach or suggest the incorporation of the specific filler materials recited within the claims. These amendments likewise obviate any possible double patenting.

This amendment is being filed contemporaneously with a Request for Continued Examination. Should the Examiner have any questions, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

No fee is believe due with the filing of this amendment, nonetheless, in the event that a fee required for the filing of this document is missing or insufficient, the undersigned attorney hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0925.

Respectfully submitted,



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